

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.0475 ha** of forest land in Kolthur RF of Medchal Division, which is under to R&B Keesara, with chainage 20/350/21/300 (Comp.No.237, Kolthur Reserved Forest) for laying of 4” (inch) steel pipeline and MDPE pipeline to connected line from Potharam-Kolthur for extending gas supply in favour of M/s. Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Limited, Ranga Reddy – **Final (Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 4

Dated: 25-01-2022
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd, Ref.No.4794/2020/FCA-3, Dated:03.04.2021.
2. G.O.Rt.No.53, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dt.13.05.2021.
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated.28-03-2019.
4. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad. Ref.No.4794/2020/FCA-3 Dated: 05.07.2021.

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for of **0.0475 ha** of forest land in Kolthur RF of Medchal Division, which is under to R&B Keesara, with chainage 20/350/21/300 (Comp.No.237, Kolthur Reserved Forest) for laying of 4” (inch) steel pipeline and MDPE pipeline to connected line from Potharam-Kolthur for extending gas supply in favour of M/s. Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Limited, Ranga Reddy.

2. In the G.O.2nd read above, Government have accorded approval **in-principle (Stage.I)** for the above project as per the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, in the letter 3rd read above, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval accorded by the State Government for the project and requested to accord final approval for this project as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, in the letter 3rd read above.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord **final (Stage.II)** approval to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad for diversion of **0.0475 ha** of forest land in Kolthur RF of Medchal Division, which is under to R&B Keesara, with chainage 20/350/21/300 (Comp.No.237, Kolthur Reserved Forest) for laying of 4 (inch) steel pipeline and MDPE pipeline to connected line from Potharam-Kolthur for extending gas supply in favour of M/s. Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Limited, Ranga Reddy, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

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- ii. **Demarcation of the forest land diverted:** The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and cost for which shall be deposited by the User Agency with the forest department as assessed by the concerned District Forest Officer/ Forest Divisional Officer;
- iii. **Net Present Value:**
Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect;
- iv. No tree felling and branch cutting shall be carried out by the User agency;
- v. The depth of the trench shall not be more than 2 m and width shall not be more than 1 m and pipeline should be laid atleast one meter below the ground;
- vi. After completion of the project the area under RoW should be reclaimed suitably.
- vii. Disturbance should be kept minimum by creating labor camps outside the forest areas and it will be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the laborers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- viii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- x. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;
- xii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as well as State Forest Department/ PCCF(HoFF) may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xiii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.0475 ha** and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xiv. The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;
- xv. Work should be carried out during day time only;

- xvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
 - xvii. The details of land diverted and purpose of raising CA shall be uploaded in the www.egreenwatch.nic.in portal.
 - xviii. The monitoring report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 - xix. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC, Guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC, Dt.29.01.2018 and as per F.No.5-2/2017, Dt.28.03.2019.
 - xx. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and State Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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The M/s. Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Limited, Ranga Reddy.

The PS to M(EFS&T).

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